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REMARKS

To simplify prosecution matters, claims 14-21 and 25-28 have been canceled. These leaves only claims 22 and 24 for review. Claim 22 has been amended for greater clarity. In particular, it is understood that images are processed by the user (i.e., combined or somehow modified), and stored in a commerce provider server so that the stored images can be printed at a location outside of the store. See, for example, the flow in Figure 7 of the application, and pages 6 and 7 of the application (claims 22 and 24 being focused on the variation of the invention shown in Figure 7). Here, A1 and A2 show the user connection from the user terminal 2A to the internet commerce provider server 3, which allows information to be obtained at the user terminal 2a. Identification numbers are utilized for this connection to occur and for images to be provided by the server to terminal 2a. Then, a selection is made, as is illustrated at A3'. Then, the user moves to the multimedia terminal 2B, and uses an ID number B1'. In response, the use receives the image of what was indicated at A3' on the display of multimedia terminal 2B, as is indicated by B2'. This then allows printing images at the multimedia terminal 2B (see step B5') and for settling payment at the multimedia terminal 2B (see step B6'). As noted at page 8 of the application at lines 12-18, the processing shown in Figure 7 allows the user to obtain high printing performance (i.e., the printing performance at the multimedia terminal 2B is better than at the user terminal 2A) without a special storing medium.

Claims 22 and 24 were rejected as being anticipated by Walker. However, in Walker, the processed (modified or combined) images are never printed out at a store. That is, in contrast to the claimed invention, Walker does not show transmitting processed images to a second terminal in accordance with an identification number from the commerce provide server. The claimed invention requires processing at a first terminal, transmitting from the first terminal with an ID number to the commerce provider server, transmitting the ID number from a second terminal (e.g., at the store where the printing will be performed), and transmitting the processed images in accordance with the ID number from the commerce provider server through the network to the second terminal. In Walker, no processing of images is performed at the user terminal. Thus, Walker makes no provision to allow for processed images made at a first terminal and stored at a server, to be printed out a second terminal

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using an ID code scheme.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that Claims 22 and 24 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue. Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson P.C.).

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